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Thank you for your email of 3 June 2020, requesting information regarding deaths in Corrections' custody over the last 15 years. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Corrections' strategy for 2019 to 2024, Hōkai Rangi, was announced in August last year. Hōkai Rangi outlines our strategic direction over the next five years and represents our new approach to how we work, how we interact with people in prison, and the services, facilities, and programmes that we provide, with the aim of addressing the significant over-representation of Māori in prison. Public safety is our priority and the values in this strategy are designed to reduce re-offending so there are fewer victims of crime; help us build closer partnerships with Māori; and enable us to keep delivering on our target to safely reduce the prison population. Hōkai Rangi prioritises the wellbeing of the people who come into our management, including how we achieve better outcomes for them and their families.

While the strategy builds on many of the good things that we are doing to help rehabilitate and reintegrate people to reduce re-offending, it also outlines the need for us to provide a humanising and respectful environment that provides people with the skills and resilience needed to safely and successfully transition back into the community on release.

A full copy of the Hōkai Rangi strategy is available on our website at: www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/corrections_strategic_plans/hkai_rangi.html.

We have a duty of care to ensure all prisoners have access to the same standard of healthcare that they would receive in the community. All prisons provide primary healthcare services which include general practitioner (GP) services, nursing, basic dentistry and some disability support services. People in prison are referred to hospital-level care or specialist services on the same basis as people in the community.

Corrections is committed to preventing unnatural deaths and life-threatening incidents of self-harm in prisons. The causes of suicide are complex and people in prison are a known high-risk group.

Our role has expanded in recent years as we find ourselves managing people with significant mental health issues. We make every effort to ensure their mental wellbeing and physical safety during their time in custody. This can be very challenging for our frontline staff who do a great job working with often complex, volatile people.

Our research shows that people in prison have higher rates of personality disorder, mental health and substance use disorders than the general population. It is estimated that 62 percent of people in prison would have met the diagnostic criteria for either a mental health or substance abuse disorder within the 12 months prior to imprisonment, 91 percent of people in prison also had a lifetime diagnosis of a mental health or substance use disorder. The disorders however often went undetected and were not treated prior to prison.

Women in prison are significantly more likely to have a 12-month diagnosis of any mental disorder than male prisoners (75 percent compared to 61 percent). People in prison are also three times more likely than the general population to have a 12-month diagnosis of any mental disorder (62 percent compared to 21 percent).

Further improving mental health services is a key priority for Corrections and we are being proactive in ensuring people in prison receive the support they need and that our staff have the tools and resources they require to keep everyone safe.

When a person enters prison, our immediate priority is to ensure their mental and physical health needs are met. People in prison undergo an induction process, where health staff assess their health needs, including any mental health needs, to determine whether they may be at risk of self-harm or suicide and whether they require a referral to a prison doctor, or a mental health provider.

People in prison who are identified as being vulnerable to self-harm or suicide may reside in an Intervention and Support Unit (ISU) – a therapeutic environment with multidisciplinary teams, including Forensic Services, trained to help people through periods of crisis. Here people are monitored by custodial staff 24/7 as per their management plan. People in an ISU have access to specialised care and have unique care plans to help them to return to a sense of wellbeing.

The Intervention and Support Project (ISP) was established in 2017, to develop and implement initiatives for people in prison who are vulnerable to self-harm and suicide.

Corrections has invested \$11.6 million over four years to develop and implement a model of care to transform the way we support those who are vulnerable to self-harm or suicide. The three sites which took part in the initial pilot of specialist mental health teams providing intensives support were: Auckland Prison, Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility, and Christchurch Men's Prison. The teams at these sites are now operating as 'business as usual'.

The ISP model provides the opportunity for staff to receive foundational mental health training, assisting them to recognise, relate and respond to people experiencing mental illness or distress, and how to build their own resilience. Training has been tailored to the Corrections environment and provides awareness of how common mental health issues are, and a better understanding of behaviour indicative of mental health disorders or personality disorders and how to best support people who are mentally unwell or distressed.

In addition to this, specialist multi-disciplinary teams have been established, who work closely with custody colleagues involving assessment, therapy and mental health promotion.

The project has also introduced a supported decision framework to help staff in the ISU to make the right decision every time with every person. The framework is for all custodial staff who may be rostered into the ISU and aims to embed a more therapeutic approach for people in our care vulnerable to suicide and self-harm.

Over the coming year, it is anticipated that the ISP will expand to offer a broader mental health response on site. Services will complement those offered by Regional Forensic Mental Health Services, the Improving Mental Health and Reintegration Service (described below) and primary health partners. A particular focus of this expansion will be how we improve mental health outcomes for Māori.

Alongside this programme of work, in 2016 Corrections launched an Improving Mental Health and Reintegration Services pilot, to improve and expand the level of mental health support people can access in prison and in the community.

As a result, 5,856 people in prison had been referred to these services between the beginning of the pilot and the end of April 2020. Additionally, there were 28,946 face-to-face mental health treatment delivery hours in prisons during this time.

Through Budget 2019, a total of \$128.3 million over four years was allocated for mental health and alcohol and drug services for people in prison and on community-based sentences. This funding enabled Corrections to embed and expand the 2016 pilot service.

You requested:

- *How many people have died in Corrections custody over the past 15 years?*
- *What locations did they die in?*
- *What was the cause of death?*
- *What was the ethnicity of those people?*

All deaths in custody are reported to the New Zealand Police and are subject to a coronial inquest and investigation by the independent Corrections Inspectorate looking at the custodial and health practice that was provided, with any recommendations arising from the review being actioned appropriately. The Coroner, not Corrections ultimately determines the cause of a person in prison's death. Where a death in custody is suspicious, Police can make the decision to investigate.

An internal clinical review process, in relation to any unexpected deaths in custody, may also be undertaken by the Regional Clinical Quality Assurance Advisor at the request of the Health Services Regional Operations Director or the Regional Clinical Director. These internal reviews focus on the clinical aspects of care provided leading up to and during incidents.

Corrections reports on deaths in custody in two categories:

- Apparent Unnatural Deaths – this can include death as a result of self-harm, an accident, foul play, or a death where the cause is unable to be initially confirmed;
- Apparent Natural Deaths – the death while in custody of any person in prison, as a result of natural causes.

Please find the requested information attached as Appendix One. Please note, the attached information recorded is between 1 January 2005 to 1 June 2020. The category of apparent unnatural deaths has been broken down by apparent suicides and apparent homicides.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Ngā mihi nui

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Juanita Ryan
Deputy Chief Executive Health

Deaths in Custody, 2005 - 2020

CALENDAR YEAR	PRISON	DATE	ETHNICITY	CAUSE OF DEATH
2005	AUCKLAND PRISON	23/02/2005	Māori	Apparent suicide
2005	AUCKLAND PRISON	02/04/2005	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2005	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/05/2005	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2005	ROLLESTON PRISON	16/06/2005	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2005	AUCKLAND CENTRAL REMAND PRISON	31/07/2005	Māori	Apparent suicide
2005	AUCKLAND PRISON	14/09/2005	Māori	Apparent suicide
2005	RIMUTAKA PRISON	13/10/2005	Israeli/Jewish	Apparent natural causes
2005	WAIKERIA PRISON	18/10/2005	Māori	Apparent suicide
2005	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	20/10/2005	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2005	WAIKERIA PRISON	26/10/2005	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2005	CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S PRISON	30/10/2005	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2006	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	18/03/2006	English	Apparent natural causes
2006	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	29/03/2006	Māori	Apparent homicide
2006	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	19/05/2006	Māori	Apparent suicide
2006	NOT RECORDED	20/06/2006	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2006	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	30/07/2006	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2006	AUCKLAND CENTRAL REMAND PRISON	24/08/2006	New Zealand European	Apparent homicide
2006	AUCKLAND CENTRAL REMAND PRISON	30/08/2006	Māori	Apparent suicide
2006	MANAWATU PRISON	30/08/2006	Māori	Apparent suicide
2006	WAIKERIA PRISON	19/11/2006	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2006	AUCKLAND PRISON	28/12/2006	European nfd	Apparent suicide
2007	CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S PRISON	09/02/2007	Māori	Apparent suicide
2007	NOT RECORDED	18/02/2007	Samoan	Apparent natural causes
2007	AUCKLAND PRISON	01/06/2007	English	Apparent suicide
2007	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	11/06/2007	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2007	WAIKERIA PRISON	26/06/2007	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2007	WHANGANUI PRISON	04/07/2007	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2007	RIMUTAKA PRISON	27/07/2007	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2007	WAIKERIA PRISON	20/08/2007	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2007	AUCKLAND PRISON	30/10/2007	Samoan	Apparent suicide
2007	WAIKERIA PRISON	13/11/2007	Tongan	Apparent suicide
2007	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	26/11/2007	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2008	AUCKLAND PRISON	29/02/2008	Fijian	Apparent suicide

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2008	ROLLESTON PRISON	20/04/2008	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2008	AUCKLAND CENTRAL REMAND PRISON	30/04/2008	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2008	AUCKLAND REGION WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS FACILITY	13/05/2008	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2008	MANAWATU PRISON	20/07/2008	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2008	AUCKLAND PRISON	18/09/2008	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2008	MANAWATU PRISON	31/10/2008	European nfd	Apparent natural causes
2008	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	05/11/2008	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2008	AUCKLAND REGION WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS FACILITY	21/11/2008	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2008	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	28/11/2008	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2008	AUCKLAND PRISON	30/11/2008	Laotian	Apparent natural causes
2009	AUCKLAND PRISON	04/02/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2009	RIMUTAKA PRISON	06/02/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2009	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	24/02/2009	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2009	AUCKLAND PRISON	01/03/2009	Samoan	Apparent homicide
2009	WAIKERIA PRISON	05/03/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2009	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	25/03/2009	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2009	WAIKERIA PRISON	18/04/2009	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2009	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	22/04/2009	Niuean	Apparent natural causes
2009	MANAWATU PRISON	19/05/2009	Māori	Apparent suicide
2009	WAIKERIA PRISON	07/06/2009	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2009	AUCKLAND PRISON	14/07/2009	Niuean	Apparent natural causes
2009	AUCKLAND CENTRAL REMAND PRISON	17/08/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2009	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	29/08/2009	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2009	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	10/09/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2009	TONGARIRO	14/09/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2009	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	11/10/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2009	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	27/10/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2009	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	02/11/2009	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2009	WHANGANUI PRISON	26/11/2009	Māori	Apparent suicide
2009	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	30/11/2009	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2010	WHANGANUI PRISON	05/01/2010	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2010	AROHATA PRISON	11/04/2010	Bulgarian	Apparent natural causes
2010	WHANGANUI PRISON	02/05/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide

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2010	INVERCARGILL PRISON	09/06/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2010	AUCKLAND PRISON	12/07/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2010	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	07/08/2010	Māori	Apparent suicide
2010	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	14/08/2010	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2010	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	20/08/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2010	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	19/09/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2010	RIMUTAKA PRISON	03/10/2010	English	Apparent natural causes
2010	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	09/10/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2010	WHANGANUI PRISON	07/11/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2010	WAIKERIA PRISON	17/11/2010	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2010	ROLLESTON PRISON	20/11/2010	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2011	WHANGANUI PRISON	08/01/2011	English	Apparent suicide
2011	WAIKERIA PRISON	09/01/2011	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2011	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	11/01/2011	Māori	Apparent suicide
2011	RIMUTAKA PRISON	01/03/2011	European nfd	Apparent natural causes
2011	AUCKLAND PRISON	16/03/2011	Australian	Apparent suicide
2011	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	20/04/2011	Māori	Apparent suicide
2011	INVERCARGILL PRISON	27/04/2011	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2011	INVERCARGILL PRISON	27/04/2011	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2011	RIMUTAKA PRISON	26/05/2011	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2011	MANAWATU PRISON	07/06/2011	Māori	Apparent suicide
2011	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	11/06/2011	European nfd	Apparent natural causes
2011	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	27/06/2011	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2011	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	09/07/2011	Māori	Apparent suicide
2011	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	22/07/2011	German	Apparent natural causes
2011	WHANGANUI PRISON	24/08/2011	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2011	TONGARIRO	01/10/2011	Cook Islands Maori nfd	Apparent natural causes
2011	MANAWATU PRISON	05/12/2011	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2012	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	19/01/2012	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2012	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	20/01/2012	European nfd	Apparent suicide
2012	WHANGANUI PRISON	09/02/2012	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2012	WAIKERIA PRISON	16/02/2012	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2012	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	06/03/2012	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide

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2012	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/03/2012	Samoan	Apparent natural causes
2012	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	28/03/2012	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2012	NEW PLYMOUTH	30/06/2012	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2012	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	23/07/2012	European	Apparent natural causes
2012	WAIKERIA PRISON	08/08/2012	European	Apparent natural causes
2012	WAIKERIA PRISON	19/11/2012	European	Apparent natural causes
2012	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/12/2012	Samoan	Apparent natural causes
2012	ROLLESTON PRISON	30/12/2012	European	Apparent natural causes
2013	WAIKERIA PRISON	10/01/2013	European	Apparent natural causes
2013	WAIKERIA PRISON	06/02/2013	Asian	Apparent suicide
2013	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	07/04/2013	Maori	Apparent suicide
2013	CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S PRISON	20/04/2013	European	Apparent suicide
2013	TONGARIRO/RANGIPO	01/05/2013	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2013	WHANGANUI PRISON	08/08/2013	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2013	RIMUTAKA PRISON	13/09/2013	European	Apparent natural causes
2013	WAIKERIA PRISON	09/10/2013	European	Apparent natural causes
2013	ROLLESTON PRISON	24/10/2013	European	Apparent natural causes
2013	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	30/10/2013	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2013	TONGARIRO/RANGIPO	09/11/2013	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2013	WHANGANUI PRISON	21/11/2013	Pacific Peoples	Apparent natural causes
2013	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	06/12/2013	European	Apparent suicide
2014	AUCKLAND REGION WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS FACILITY	18/01/2014	European	Apparent natural causes
2014	RIMUTAKA PRISON	11/02/2014	Pacific Peoples	Apparent natural causes
2014	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	22/05/2014	European	Apparent natural causes
2014	AUCKLAND PRISON	30/05/2014	European	Apparent suicide
2014	RIMUTAKA PRISON	29/06/2014	Maori	Apparent suicide
2014	INVERCARGILL PRISON	15/07/2014	Maori	Apparent suicide
2014	RIMUTAKA PRISON	29/07/2014	Maori	Apparent suicide
2014	AUCKLAND PRISON	02/09/2014	European	Apparent natural causes
2014	RIMUTAKA PRISON	04/09/2014	European	Apparent natural causes
2014	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	06/09/2014	European	Apparent suicide
2014	RIMUTAKA PRISON	01/10/2014	Pacific Peoples	Apparent suicide
2014	WAIKERIA PRISON	10/12/2014	European	Apparent suicide

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2015	AUCKLAND PRISON	12/01/2015	European	Apparent suicide
2015	WHANGANUI PRISON	14/01/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	03/02/2015	Maori	Apparent suicide
2015	WHANGANUI PRISON	27/02/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	RIMUTAKA PRISON	01/03/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	16/03/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	25/03/2015	Maori	Apparent homicide
2015	RIMUTAKA PRISON	25/03/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	WAIKERIA PRISON	06/04/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	13/05/2015	European	Apparent natural causes
2015	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	18/06/2015	European	Apparent natural causes
2015	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	13/08/2015	Maori	Apparent suicide
2015	AUCKLAND PRISON	20/09/2015	European	Apparent suicide
2015	RIMUTAKA PRISON	21/09/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	RIMUTAKA PRISON	02/10/2015	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2015	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	04/10/2015	European	Apparent suicide
2015	WAIKERIA PRISON	23/10/2015	Maori	Apparent suicide
2015	RIMUTAKA PRISON	04/11/2015	European	Apparent natural causes
2015	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	22/11/2015	European	Apparent suicide
2015	AUCKLAND PRISON	30/11/2015	European	Apparent suicide
2015	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/12/2015	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	19/01/2016	Maori	Apparent suicide
2016	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	19/01/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	WHANGANUI PRISON	22/01/2016	Maori	Apparent suicide
2016	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	26/01/2016	Asian	Apparent natural causes
2016	AUCKLAND PRISON	12/02/2016	Pacific Peoples	Apparent natural causes
2016	RIMUTAKA PRISON	20/02/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	07/03/2016	Pacific Peoples	Apparent suicide
2016	ROLLESTON PRISON	01/04/2016	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	RIMUTAKA PRISON	06/04/2016	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	INVERCARGILL PRISON	14/04/2016	European	Apparent suicide
2016	AUCKLAND SOUTH CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/04/2016	Pacific Peoples	Apparent natural causes
2016	ROLLESTON PRISON	15/04/2016	European	Apparent suicide

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2016	WHANGANUI PRISON	26/04/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	27/04/2016	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	RIMUTAKA PRISON	01/05/2016	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	02/05/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S PRISON	12/07/2016	Maori	Apparent suicide
2016	RIMUTAKA PRISON	15/08/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	30/08/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	WAIKERIA PRISON	11/09/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/10/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	AUCKLAND PRISON	07/12/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	OTAGO CORRECTIONS FACILITY	09/12/2016	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	13/12/2016	European	Apparent natural causes
2016	AUCKLAND PRISON	26/12/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2016	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	27/12/2016	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2017	AUCKLAND SOUTH CORRECTIONS FACILITY	03/01/2017	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2017	RIMUTAKA PRISON	12/02/2017	European	Apparent natural causes
2017	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	17/03/2017	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2017	RIMUTAKA PRISON	13/05/2017	Pacific Peoples	Apparent natural causes
2017	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	15/05/2017	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2017	WAIKERIA PRISON	16/05/2017	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2017	RIMUTAKA PRISON	08/07/2017	European	Apparent natural causes
2017	WAIKERIA PRISON	23/07/2017	European	Apparent natural causes
2017	AUCKLAND PRISON	07/09/2017	Pacific Peoples	Apparent natural causes
2017	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	14/09/2017	UNKNOWN	Apparent suicide
2017	RIMUTAKA PRISON	27/09/2017	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2017	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	03/10/2017	European	Apparent natural causes
2017	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	04/10/2017	Maori	Apparent suicide
2017	AUCKLAND PRISON	28/11/2017	Maori	Apparent suicide
2017	WAIKERIA PRISON	24/12/2017	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	RIMUTAKA PRISON	04/01/2018	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	22/01/2018	Maori	Apparent suicide
2018	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	03/02/2018	European	Apparent suicide
2018	TONGARIRO/RANGIPO	15/02/2018	European	Apparent natural causes

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2018	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	17/02/2018	Asian	Apparent suicide
2018	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	18/03/2018	Maori	Apparent suicide
2018	AUCKLAND SOUTH CORRECTIONS FACILITY	16/05/2018	Maori	Apparent natural causes
2018	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	23/05/2018	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	RIMUTAKA PRISON	02/09/2018	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	WHANGANUI PRISON	22/09/2018	European	Apparent suicide
2018	WAIKERIA PRISON	22/10/2018	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	RIMUTAKA PRISON	10/11/2018	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	RIMUTAKA PRISON	04/12/2018	European	Apparent natural causes
2018	RIMUTAKA PRISON	18/12/2018	Thai	Apparent natural causes
2019	RIMUTAKA PRISON	19/01/2019	European	Apparent natural causes
2019	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	22/02/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	INVERCARGILL PRISON	26/02/2019	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2019	RIMUTAKA PRISON	30/03/2019	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2019	WHANGANUI PRISON	31/05/2019	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2019	AROHATA PRISON	18/07/2019	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2019	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	10/08/2019	European nfd	Apparent suicide
2019	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	18/08/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	AUCKLAND REGION WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS FACILITY	25/09/2019	Cook Islands Maori nfd	Apparent suicide
2019	RIMUTAKA PRISON	26/09/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	NORTHLAND REGION CORRECTIONS FACILITY	02/10/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	WAIKERIA PRISON	17/10/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	05/11/2019	Māori	Apparent suicide
2019	RIMUTAKA PRISON	09/11/2019	Māori	Apparent natural causes
2019	WAIKERIA PRISON	17/11/2019	South African nec	Apparent suicide
2019	RIMUTAKA PRISON	06/12/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	MT EDEN CORRECTIONS FACILITY	11/12/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2019	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	21/12/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2019	RIMUTAKA PRISON	23/12/2019	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2020	AUCKLAND SOUTH CORRECTIONS FACILITY	19/02/2020	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2020	RIMUTAKA PRISON	23/02/2020	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes
2020	AUCKLAND PRISON	05/03/2020	Māori	Apparent homicide
2020	RIMUTAKA PRISON	21/03/2020	New Zealand European	Apparent natural causes

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CALENDAR YEAR	PRISON	DATE	ETHNICITY	CAUSE OF DEATH
2020	HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL PRISON	17/04/2020	New Zealand European	Apparent suicide
2020	RIMUTAKA PRISON	19/05/2020	Rarotongan	Apparent suicide
2020	CHRISTCHURCH MEN'S PRISON	01/06/2020	Cook Islands Maori	Apparent suicide
2020	SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY	20/07/2020	Other	Apparent suicide